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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDERMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GEISEL VISIT

REF: STATE 171092, BRASILIA 6293

1. BECAUSE OF SILVEIRA'S UNAVAILABILITY (HE WAS FULLY TIED UP WITH THE VISIT OF GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS), I SPOKE ON JULY 13 TO SECRETARY GENERAL GUERREIRO ON LOW KEY.

2. VISIBLY EMBARRASSED, GUERREIRO ACKNOWLEDGED EH NEED TO GIVE US APROMPT RESPONSE AND PROMISED TO SEE SILVEIRA AS SOON AS HE WAS FREE. WHEN GUERREIRO SAID VAGUELY THAT THERE WAS SOLITTLE TIME LEFT FOR PLANNING, I STATED, IN ORDER TO FORESTALL ANY FUTURE SUGGESTIONS THAT WE HAD SOMEHOW AGREED WITH A BRAZILIAN RATIONALE THAT TIME HAD RUN OUT, THAT AS MY INQUIRY HAD DEMONSTRATED PRESIDENT FORD'S INVITATION CONTINUED UNCHANGED AND THAT THE USG WAS FULLY PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE VISIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH SILVEIRA. GUERREIRO HASTENED TO SAY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT CLEARLY.

3. I HAVE STILL NOT HEARD FROM SILVEIRA BUT FRIDAY, AFTER THE DCM'S DISCUSSION WITH SILVEIRA'S CHIEF OF CABINET, AMBASSADOR SOUTO MAIOR, ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES AND HONOLULU STOPOVERS DURING GEISEL'S JAPAN TRIP (BRASILIA 6293),
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THE DCM REFERRED TO MY CONVERSATION WITH GUERREIRO AND ASKED

WHETHER THERE WERE ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT HE COULD REPORT TO ME. SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE, SOUTO MAIOR REPLIED THAT HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SOME INFORMATION SHORTLY.

4. COMMENT: I CONSIDER IT DISCOURTEOUS ON THE PART OF THE GOB TO ENGAGE US IN PLANNING FOR GEISEL STOPOVERS ON US SOIL WHEN THEY HAVE CAVALIERLY FAILED TO RESPONDED TO OUR PRESIDENT'S INVITATION. NONETHLESS, I BELIEVE, AS WE SAY IN BRASILIA 6293, THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FACILITATE THE STOPOVER ARRANGEMENT AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN RESPOND PROMPTLY AND STRAIGHTFORWARDLY TO THE QUESTIONS REPORTED IN THAT TELEGRAM. ON THE ASSUMPTION, WHICH I CONSIDER LIKELY TO BE CORRECT, THAT THE FINAL GOB RESPONSE WILL BE A REFUSAL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S INVITATION, I WOULD EXPECT THAT THE FACILITIES AND COURTESIES EXTENDED TO GEISEL DURING THE STOPOVERS WOULD BE THOSE THAT ARE STANDARD IN SUCH CASES BUT NOTHING MORE. IN THE CIRCUSTANCES, I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD FAWN ON GEISEL.
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